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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. 118E and M.G.L. c. 6A, s. 16, and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA relative to the adoption of:

130 CMR 519.000: MassHealth Coverage Types

The regulation at 130 CMR 519.000 defines the eligibility criteria for MassHealth coverage types available to individuals age 65 and older and to individuals of any age in need of long-term services and supports. The proposed amendments would modify how MassHealth treats a community spouse's assets when determining the financial eligibility of a married individual seeking enrollment in a MassHealth 1915(c) home- and community-based services (HCBS) waiver. Under the proposed amendments, married individuals with a community spouse applying for enrollment in a HCBS waiver on or after January 1, 2014, would be subject to the same asset standards used for institutionalized individuals with a community spouse. This proposed change is required by federal law. Additionally, the proposed amendments include technical edits to align the regulation with certain federally approved HCBS waivers, including a change to certain eligibility requirements and enrollment processes.

The proposed regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than October 7, 2016. The estimated annual fiscal impact of the proposed amendments to state government is a savings of \$3 million. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Individuals who notify EOHHS of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify EOHHS of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at www.mass.gov/masshealth/proposedregs. Individuals may also submit written testimony by e-mailing masshealthpublicnotice@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the e-mail with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by e-mail should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2016.



All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/masshealth/proposedregs or request a copy in writing or in person from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by e-mail at masshealthhelp@ehs.state.ma.us or by phone at 617-847-3468 (TTY: 617-847-3788 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

MassHealth may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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